

## Shea, Valois

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**From:** Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)  
**Sent:** Monday, June 19, 2017 11:54 AM  
**To:** Shea, Valois  
**Subject:** Oppose Black Hills Uranium Mining

Dear EPA, Region 8:

I would like to submit my comments on the Underground Injection Control Program's Draft Permits for the Proposed Dewey-Burdock Uranium Mine and Deep Disposal Wells:

- New mining in the Black Hills is potentially disastrous for the people, wildlife, and environment of the region.
- Old uranium mines in the Dewey-Burdock area should be fully reclaimed before new mining is permitted.
- Adequate oversight of the quality of liquid wastes pumped into the Minnelusa Formation through the proposed deep disposal wells will be impossible, and our groundwater is likely to be contaminated.
- A full survey of cultural and historical sites is needed before mining or deep disposal is allowed. Cultural and historical sites must be protected.
- The proposed mine and deep disposal wells are in an area that is documented to have faults, fractures, breccia pipes, and over 7000 old boreholes that have not been properly plugged. It will be impossible to contain mining fluids or waste liquids, and contamination of our groundwater is very likely.
- The history of uranium mining indicates that uranium mining cannot be done without creating and leaving contamination. This project should be stopped until it can be proved to be safe, rather than relying on imperfect protection and clean-up processes.

Best Wishes,

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